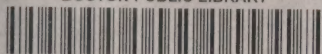


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The Boston Camera Club

*Established in 1881 as the Boston Society of Amateur
Photographers. Reorganized in 1886 under
present name, and incorporated
April 6, 1887*

Boston Camera Club.

May 21, 1903.

RECORDED

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Be it known, That whereas George E. Cabot, William Garrison Reed, Francis Blake, Edward F. Wilder, David S. Lewis, Henry N. Sweet, John Gordon Hubbard, Arthur L. Plimpton, John H. Thurston, Charles E. Davis, Jr., and F. Alcott Pratt have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of THE BOSTON CAMERA CLUB, for the purpose of the advancement among its members of the knowledge of photography in all its branches, the promotion of social intercourse among the amateur photographers of Boston and vicinity, and the establishment and maintenance of a library relating to the subject of photography, and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer, and Executive Committee, with the power of Directors of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and recorded in this office :

Now, Therefore, I, HENRY B. PIERCE, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, **Do**
Hereby Certify that said G. E. Cabot, W. G. Reed,

F. Blake, E. F. Wilder, D. S. Lewis, H. N. Sweet, J. G. Hubbard, A. L. Plimpton, J. H. Thurston, C. E. Davis, Jr., and F. A. Pratt, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as and are hereby made an existing corporation under the name of THE BOSTON CAMERA CLUB, with the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

[*Seal of
the Commonwealth
of Mass.*]

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

HENRY B. PEIRCE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

THIS organization shall be known as THE BOSTON CAMERA CLUB.

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The object of the Club is the advancement among its members of the knowledge of photography in all its branches, and the promotion of social intercourse among the amateur photographers of Boston and vicinity.

ARTICLE III.

Members.

Those persons are eligible to membership who practise or are interested in photography.

Membership shall be of three classes, Active, Associate and Honorary.

(a) Active Members shall constitute the corporation and they only shall be entitled to vote and to hold office.

(b) Associate Members must reside more than fifteen miles from Boston. They shall have all the privileges of the Club except the right to vote and to hold office.

(c) Honorary Members shall be entitled to the use of the rooms and property of the Club.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers and Executive Committee.

The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who shall be chosen annually; but the offices of the last three may be filled by less than that number of persons.

The Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of the Officers and six other members. These six shall be divided into three classes of two each, and shall serve for three years each, one class retiring every year, when the Club shall elect its successors.

ARTICLE V.

Authority of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall hold all the property, effects, and assets of the Club in trust, for the benefit and enjoyment of its mem-

bers ; shall have the management and control of the same, and shall exercise a general superintendence over the affairs of the Club ; shall have authority to remit penalties imposed by the Rules and By-Laws of the Club, and to excuse accidental violations of the Constitution ; shall levy all assessments, and make or authorize all necessary contracts or purchases, but shall have no power to render the Club, or any member thereof, liable for any debt beyond the amount of money which shall at the time of contracting such debt be in the Treasurer's hands, and not needed for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities, nor to make any contracts in the name of the Club, involving more than \$100 in amount, without a vote of the Club authorizing the same.

The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy in their body ; and the member of the Executive Committee thus elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee.

At each annual meeting the Officers and two members of the Executive Committee shall be chosen by ballot, and shall continue in office

until the close of the meeting at which their successors are chosen, or until they are removed by vote of the majority of the active members of the Club.

ARTICLE VII.

Quorum.

Ten Active Members of the Club shall constitute a quorum at any regular, special or adjourned meeting, for the transaction of all business, except the amendment of the Constitution or By-Laws, or an appeal from a vote of the Executive Committee. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at its meetings. If at any meeting it be found that there is no quorum, those present may adjourn to a specified time, of which notice shall be mailed to all members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Restrictions.

Any use of the premises or name of the Club as an advertisement, or any use of the Studio, Enlarging-room, or apparatus of the Club for the purpose of pecuniary profit to any member, or for the benefit of any person or persons not

members of the Club, if it be found to be prejudicial to the best interests of the Club, is prohibited. A violation of this article may be considered a cause for expulsion.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

The Constitution may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting, provided such amendment has been proposed in writing at a previous meeting, posted in the rooms of the Club, and mailed to each member at least ten days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered. A two thirds vote shall be required, and a quorum for the amendment of the Constitution shall consist of not less than one-fifth of the active members of the Club.

BY-LAWS.

1. MEETINGS.

The Regular Meetings of the Club shall be held on the evenings of the first Monday in each month, except in July, August, and September. The Regular Meeting in January of each year shall be considered the annual meeting. Should the day set for a Regular Meeting be a holiday, the meeting shall be held one week later.

Special meetings of the Club shall be called by the Secretary whenever requested to do so by the President, or at the written request of five active members.

No business can be transacted at special or adjourned meetings except such as is named in the notice.

Notices of Regular Meetings shall be mailed to members at least seven days previous thereto, and of special or adjourned meetings at least three days previous thereto.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called upon the request of the President or two members thereof, notice of which shall

be mailed to each member at least two days previous thereto.

2. THE PRESIDENT.

The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.

3. THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall have the custody of the records and papers relating to the business of the Club.

He shall issue all notices; shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, and conduct all correspondence; shall keep a list of the officers and committees posted in the rooms of the Club, and shall correct the same whenever changes occur.

He shall post the name of each applicant for membership on the Bulletin Board as soon as received.

He shall furnish the Auditing Committee (appointed under By-Law No. 4) with an assessment roll of the members of the Club, showing the individual and gross amounts of assessments and entrance fees which the Treas-

urer should have collected during the year of which the accounts are to be examined.

The Secretary shall be exempt from the annual assessment while discharging the duties of his office.

4. THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Club; shall collect all entrance fees, assessments, and other dues to the Club; shall make all disbursements, but shall pay no bills unless approved by some other member of the Executive Committee, except that all regular bills for rent, service, gas, insurance, and the like may be approved by himself and paid without reference.

He shall render a detailed statement of the accounts of the Club at the annual meeting, and at any other meeting when requested by the President.

The accounts shall be kept in books belonging to the Club, and shall be at all times open to the inspection of any member of the Executive Committee. The accounts shall be audited at the close of each year by a special committee to be appointed by the President at the regular meet-

ing in December. The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the first day of January.

The Treasurer shall be exempt from the annual assessment while discharging the duties of his office.

5. THE LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian shall have the supervision and care of all books and literature belonging to the Club, and, with the consent of the Executive Committee, shall, in the name of the club, subscribe for such periodicals or purchase such books as are deemed desirable.

He shall have the care of such pictures as belong to the Club, see that such as the Executive Committee select are properly framed and hung, and that others are preserved in appropriate portfolios or albums.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, he shall make rules to govern the use of the property in his charge.

6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Within one week following the annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall meet and or-

ganize from among its members the following sub-committees :—

1. Committee on Rooms — three.
2. Committee on Entertainment — three.
3. Committee on Exhibitions — three.
4. Committee on New Members — three.

Each of these sub-committees must include the President or a Vice-President, who shall, *ex-officio*, act as Chairman of the same.

7. THE COMMITTEE ON ROOMS.

The Committee on Rooms shall have charge of and keep the rooms and apparatus of the Club in proper condition for the use of the members, and shall make and keep posted rules for governing the use of the rooms and apparatus, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

8. THE COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT.

The Committee on Entertainment shall, whenever practicable, provide topics for discussion, papers, lectures, demonstrations, exhibits of apparatus, etc., pertaining to photography, for the regular meetings of the Club, or for special evenings, preference being given to Monday.

They shall, within the appropriation to be made by the Executive Committee, provide a supper at the annual meeting in January, and also at the regular monthly meetings, whenever expedient.

9. THE COMMITTEE ON EXHIBITIONS.

The Committee on Exhibitions shall have charge of, and shall hang in the Club-rooms for a period following each regular meeting, whenever expedient, such photographs as they may procure.

They shall make such rules for all competitions and other club exhibitions, as may be desirable, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and at such exhibitions, diplomas of the club, or prizes may be awarded for superior work.

10. THE COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERS.

The Committee on New Members shall consider all applications for membership and make careful examinations as to the qualifications of candidates; if a majority of the Committee be opposed to the admission of the candidate, the name shall not be further acted upon; if a

majority be in favor, the name shall be reported to the Secretary.

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee may appoint such Special Committees from the Club as they may deem necessary.

One of these shall be a Committee on Lantern Slides, consisting of three members, to be appointed at the same time the sub-committees are organized, to serve for one year, the chairman of which shall be the chairman of the Committee on Entertainment. They shall have the general care and supervision of the lantern and of its appurtenances, and of the lantern slides owned by or contributed to the Club for exhibition. They shall assist the Committee on Entertainment in providing programmes for the regular meetings of the Club, or for other evenings, by arranging for lantern-slide exhibitions or illustrated lectures.

12. NEW MEMBERS.

The names of Candidates for Active and Associate Membership must be proposed to the Secretary by a member, who shall state, in writ-

ing, the name in full and address of each candidate, and shall also give the names and addresses of at least two other persons, not necessarily members, for reference. The name of each candidate shall be posted upon the bulletin board at least two weeks before the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

A proposal for Honorary Membership must be made in writing to the Secretary, who shall read such proposal at the regular meeting preceding that at which action is to be taken.

Elections shall be by the Club, and shall take place only at regular meetings. Notices of such meetings shall contain the name and address of each candidate, favorably reported by the Committee, and the name of the member proposing him. All elections shall be by ballot, and one adverse vote in five shall exclude.

New Active and Associate Members must, within thirty days of notice of their election, pay to the Treasurer their entrance fee, and *pro rata*, by even months, the annual assessment for the balance of the current year; and these payments shall be held to be an acceptance of membership, and a submission to, and agree-

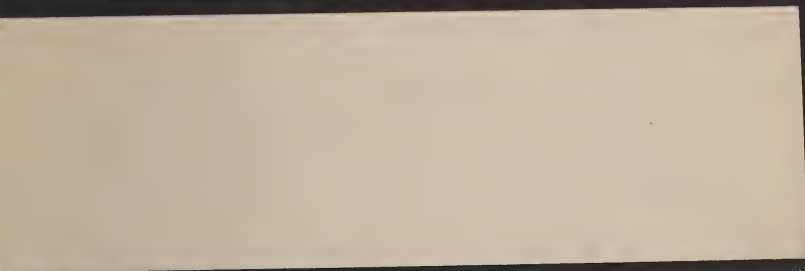
ment to be bound by the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of the Club. Failure to make such payments within thirty days after due notice, shall make such election null and void.

13. ENTRANCE FEE AND ASSESSMENT.

The Entrance Fee for New Active Members shall be ten dollars, and that for new Associate Members shall be five dollars. Active Members shall not be assessed more than twenty-five dollars per annum; but the first, or January assessment, shall not exceed fifteen dollars, and a second assessment shall not be levied before September, in any year.

The annual assessment of Associate Members shall be one half of that of Active Members, as above provided.

Immediately after the levying of an assessment, the Treasurer shall notify each member of the amount due; and at the expiration of thirty days from such notification the Treasurer shall send to all members whose assessments are then unpaid a second notice, calling attention to the fact; and at the expiration of sixty days following the levy, the Treasurer shall deliver a list of all members whose assessments are then



In By-law 13, paragraph 1, line 3 and following, the words beginning "Active members" to the end of the paragraph, to be repealed and the following words substituted: "The annual assessment shall be twenty dollars, and shall be due and payable on the first day of January; but any member, upon request in writing to the Treasurer, may have the payment of his assessment divided, and pay one-half on the first day of January and one-half on the first day of July."

unpaid to the Secretary, who shall thereupon call a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the cases so reported. Any excuse for delinquency in payment of dues may be presented at that meeting, and all delinquents not excused at that time may then be dropped from membership by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall notify all who have been thus expelled from the Club, and request them to return their keys to the Treasurer.

14. ABSENT MEMBERS.

Any member not in arrears to the Club who proposes to be away from the country for a year or more, and wishes to retain membership, may notify the Secretary of such intention and have his name placed on the list of absentees for a period not exceeding two years from the succeeding annual meeting, and be exempt from assessments until his return, when he shall be charged *pro rata* by even months, from the first day of the month following his arrival, for the balance of the year.

Should such absentee not return before the third annual meeting succeeding his departure,

he may be considered as having resigned at that meeting.

15. PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS.

Whenever the Club gives a public exhibition or entertainment, it shall be under the direction of the entire Executive Committee.

16. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting in December, a committee of five shall be chosen to nominate officers of the Club, to be voted upon at the annual meeting.

The Committee shall make a written report to the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, who shall post a list of the Committee's nominees on the bulletin board and incorporate the same in the call for the Annual Meeting.

17. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.

All resignations of membership or office shall be made in writing to the President or Secretary, and shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Club; but no resignation of membership, subsequent to the annual meeting,

shall relieve a member from payment of the assessment for the current year.

18. PENALTIES.

Any member guilty of any conduct in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules of the Club, or which is prejudicial to the interests of the Club may be censured, suspended, or expelled by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of the Executive Committee. But no member shall be suspended or expelled until after he has been notified in writing of the charge against him, and been given an opportunity to refute it before the Executive Committee.

If any one should feel that injustice has been done him under this By-Law, he may appeal from the action of the Executive Committee to the Club at either of its next two regular meetings. The appeal shall be in writing and delivered to the President or Secretary in time to be incorporated in the notice of the meeting, at which the case shall be presented, the letter of appeal read, and the appellant be given an opportunity to be heard. The vote shall be by secret ballot, and a two-thirds vote shall be necessary to reverse the decision of the Execu-

tive Committee. Fifteen members, exclusive of members of the Executive Committee, shall constitute a quorum for this question, and no member of the Executive Committee shall vote upon it.

19. FORFEITURE OF INTERESTS.

Resignation, failure to pay assessments within the time specified, or expulsion shall operate as an assignment and release to the Club of all the right, title, and interest of such member in and to the property and assets of the Club.

20. PROPERTY OF THE CLUB.

None of the property or apparatus of the Club shall be taken from the rooms without permission of the Committee or officer in charge of the same.

21. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS.

Any destruction of or injury to the property of the Club or to anything in its charge, or injury to the building, shall be paid for by the member causing the same; and the amount to be paid shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

22. EXIGENCIES.

Should an exigency arise not provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Executive Committee are granted full powers to do what they deem for the best interests of the Club.

23. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting, and the substance of it given in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be acted upon. A two-thirds vote of those present shall be necessary to carry any proposed change, and a quorum for this purpose shall consist of fifteen active members.

ROOM RULES.

1. The Club rooms are for the use of members at all times.
2. Strangers, members of other Photographic Clubs, may be granted the privileges of the Rooms, for a period of two weeks, upon the invitation of a member of the Room Committee.
3. Members shall not use the Rooms for photographing from the nude, nor for any improper purpose.
4. Members are responsible to the Club for any injury or breakage resulting from their carelessness. They must without delay replace the article destroyed, or report to the Room Committee.
5. Members shall, as far as possible, keep their property in their lockers. Any cumbersome parcel may be left for a reasonable time in the gallery closet.
6. Members may engage the Studio and Enlarging Apparatus by entering name and

time in the Record-book under date desired, but the engagement shall be void if the member does not arrive within half an hour of the time specified.

- a.* No member shall so engage the Studio more than twice in a week, or for a longer time than two hours in a day.
- b.* No member shall so engage the Enlarging Apparatus more than twice a week, or for a longer time than three hours in a day.
- c.* No member shall engage the Studio or Enlarging Apparatus more than *fifteen days* in advance. The date of making an engagement must be written in the record book, and engagements for the Studio on Saturdays and Sundays shall be made only for even number hours; *i.e.*, 8 to 10 or 10 to 12 A.M., 12 to 2, 2 to 4, or 4 to 6 P.M.
- d.* No member shall engage the Studio for the same hours on Sundays oftener than once a month; *except* when no engagement for those hours are entered in the Engagement Book previous to the preceding Friday.

7. Members using the Apparatus, Books, or Periodicals shall, before leaving the Rooms, return same to their proper places.
8. Members using the Rooms in the evening shall, before leaving, see that the Lights and Water are turned off, and the windows closed.
9. No person shall take from the Rooms any Book, Magazine, or Pamphlet of recent date. Back numbers may be borrowed for a limited time on application to the Librarian.

Any complaints or suggestions relating to the Rooms or Apparatus should be made in writing to the Room Committee.

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